

ECCLESIASTES

FINDING MEANING IN THIS LIFE

Message Title: **How to Approach God**

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 NKJV | Sunday AM, October 31st, 2021

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¹Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. ²Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God *is* in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. ³For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice *is known* by *his* many words. ⁴When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For *He has* no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed— ⁵Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. ⁶Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger *of God* that it *was* an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there is* also vanity. But fear God.

Introduction

3. Before you _____, Act – vs. 4-7

Application Questions

1. *What are some ways we have made worship all about us?
What are some reasons that man-centered worship appeals to us?*
2. *Have you ever gotten into a rut in your religious rituals? What did you do to get out? If worship is more than singing, what does it look like to worship God and bring Him glory whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do (1 Cor 10:31)?*
3. *How can you pray without attempting to manipulate God?*
4. *In what kinds of situations do you usually bargain with God?
How has that worked?*
5. *How should the fact that you have free access to God revolutionize your worship life?*

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?